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PROPOSED RULES THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT OSS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

51.--. ACCESS TO OPERATIONS SUPPORT SYSTEMS

of this order, for each of the categories set forth herein, an ILEC shall measure, using the measurement formulas set forth herein, its performance with respect to the provision of access to OSS for itself and its performance with respect to carriers seeking access to its OSS. For purposes of determining whether an ILEC is providing nondiscriminatory access to its OSS, the Commission shall first consider the data included in the monthly reports that it receives from the ILEC pursuant to the reporting requirements established elsewhere in this order. In the absence of information for any particular category or subcategory regarding an ILEC's performance with respect to its own access to OSS, the Commission shall use the default performance standards set forth herein to determine whether the ILEC is providing nondiscriminatory access to its OSS. The measurement categories, default performance intervals and measurement formulas (collectively, the "performance standards") which are hereby adopted by the Commission after consideration of all comments and other information available to it are set forth below.

In instances in which an ILEC has provided its data, it is complete, and the provision for default performance intervals is accordingly not applicable, ILECs may be providing parity of access to CLECs to the OSS, but under performance intervals which are less than reasonable. In such instances, state public utility commissions are the appropriate bodies to establish reasonable minimum performance intervals.

- (b) Categories of Performance Standards. The following sets forth the minimum performance standards for each measurement category as required by the FCC.
- (1) Pre-order. The pre-order standard measures the incumbent LEC's timeliness in responding to a query for pre-ordering information. The incumbent LEC shall measure the timeliness in responding to queries for the following pre-ordering information: 1) Due Date Reservation; 2) Feature Function Availability; 3) Facility Availability; 4) Street Address Validation; 5) Service Availability Information; 6) Appointment Scheduling; 7) Customer Service Records; and 8) Telephone Number Assignments.

- data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. For items 1-7 above, the incumbent LEC shall provide responses to any query within 2 seconds or less and within 5 seconds or less 100% of the time. The response time of 2 and 5 seconds shall be measured from the time the query is launched until the data is received by the requesting entity. For requests of 30 telephone number assignments or less the incumbent LEC shall provide such telephone numbers within 2 seconds or less 98% of the time and within 5 seconds or less 100% of the time. For requests of 30 telephone number assignments or more the incumbent LEC shall provide such telephone numbers within 2 hours 100% of the time.
- (ii) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LECs and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for pre-ordering and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Number of Responses Received on Time	x 100
Total Number of Queries Sent	

Mean Cycle Time

- (2) Ordering and provisioning. The ordering and provisioning standard is made up of the following four sub-categories; 1) Orders completed within specified intervals; 2) Order Accuracy; 3) Order Status; and 4) Number of Orders Held.
- (i) Orders completed within specified intervals. This standard measures the incumbent LEC's ability to complete orders for installation, feature changes and service disconnects within a requested due date. The incumbent LEC shall measure the amount of time it takes to work and installation order relative to the following: 1) Unbundled Network Element Platform (at least DSO loop, local switch and all common elements); 2) Unbundled Network Element Platform channelized DS1 (DS1 loop and multiplexing); 3) Unbundled DS0 loop; 4) Unbundled DS1 loop; 5) Other Unbundled loops; 6) Unbundled Switch; 7) Dedicated Transport (DS0/DS1); 8) Dedicated transport (DS3). The incumbent LEC shall measure the interval to complete a request for a feature change. Each Incumbent LEC shall measure the following relative to the completion of disconnection orders: 1) Resale products and/or service; 2) Unbundled Network Element switching; and 3) Unbundled Network Elements (other).

Reported for the following types of service or facility: Resold POTS, Resold ISDN, Resold Centrex/Centrex-like, Resold PBX trunks, Resold Channelized T1.5 Service, Other Resold Services, UNE Platform (at least DS0 loop + local switch + transport elements), UNE Channelized DS1 (DS1 loop + muliplexing), Unbundled DS0 loop, Unbundled DS1 loop, Ither Unbundled loops, Unbundled Switch, Other UNEs.

- (A) Default performance intervals. If an incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. For items 1, 3,4,5 relative to installation orders, such items shall be completed within 24 hours. Items 2 and 6 shall be completed within 48 hours and items 7 and 8 shall be completed within 3 and 5 business days respectively. All feature changes shall be completed within 5 business hours and items 1-3 pertaining to the disconnection of service shall be completed within 24 hours. Unless specifically identified above, orders that require no premises visit or no physical work shall be completed within 1 day of service order receipt. Orders that require a premises visit or physical work shall be completed within 3 days of service order receipt. 99% of all orders shall be completed on the specified due date.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LECs own performance standards for ordering and provisioning relative to orders completed within specified intervals and/or compliance with the applicable state agencies or the default performance standards set forth above.

Number of Orders Completed on Time	_ x 100
Total Number of Orders Completed	

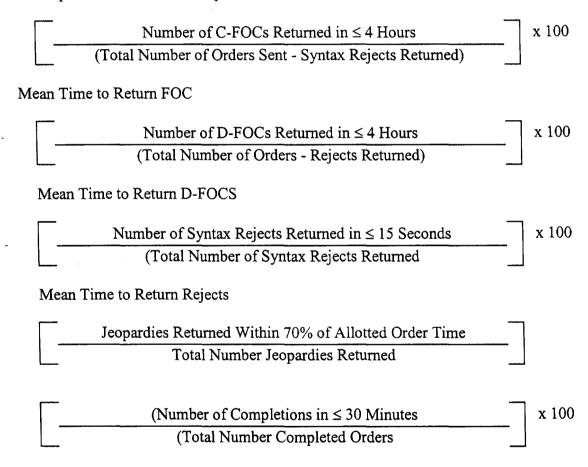
Mean Completion Interval

- (ii) Order accuracy. This standard measures the incumbent LEC's accuracy and completeness relative to the provisioning or disconnection of service. The incumbent LEC shall measure the percentage of orders that are completed without error.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall complete no less than 99% of all orders without error.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LECs compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for ordering and provisioning relative to the accuracy of orders and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Number of Orders Completted without Error	x 100
Total Number of Orders Sent	

(iii) Order status. This standard measures the incumbent LEC's response time. Each incumbent LEC shall measure their response time relative to Firm Order Confirmations (C-FOCs and D-FOCs*). Jeopardies/revised due date, Rejects, and Order Completions.

- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall provide Firm Order Confirmations and Jeopardies/revised due dates within 4 hours or less 100% of the time. The incumbent LEC shall provide a response to rejects within 15 seconds or less 97% of the time and responses to order completions shall be provide within 30 minutes or less 97% of the time. The order status interval shall be measured from the time the order is sent to the incumbent LEC until a status is received.
- **(B)** Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LECs and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC own performance standards for ordering and provisioning relative to the accuracy of orders and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.



Mean Time to Return Completion

Jeopardies = Total C-FOCS - Total Rejects

(iv) Number of held orders. This standard measures the percentage and number of orders held in a given period. The incumbent LEC shall report two distinct measurements relative to the number of orders held. First, the incumbent LEC shall report the number of orders held between 15 and 89 days. Second, the incumbent LEC shall report the number of orders held for 90 days or longer.

- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The number of orders held by the incumbent LEC that fall between 15 and 89 days shall not be more than 0.1% of total orders. The incumbent LEC shall not hold any order for a period of 90 days or more.
- **(B)** Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for ordering and provisioning relative to the number of held orders and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

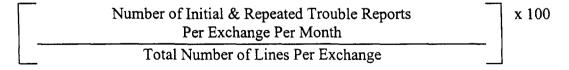
Mean time of orders held prior to completion

- (3) Maintenance and repair. The maintenance and repair category is made up of four sub-categories: 1) Time to Restore*; 2) Repeat Troubles*; 3) Troubles Per 100 Lines*; and 4) Estimated Time to Restore*.
- (i) *Time to restore.* This measures the percentage of services and products restored by the incumbent LEC within 24 hours or less. The incumbent LEC shall measure:
- 1) The number of "Out of Services" that require no dispatch; 2) All other troubles requiring dispatch.
- (A) Default performance inervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall restore 85% or more of all out of services that require no dispatch within 2 hours, 95% or more within 3 hours and 99% or more within 4 hours. The incumbent LEC shall restore 95% or more of all other troubles within 24 hours, 90% or more within 4 hours, 95% or more within 8 hours and 99% or more within 16 hours.
- **(B)** Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for maintenance/ repair relative to Time to Restore and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

[·]Ibid.

- (ii) Repeat troubles. This standard measures the frequency of recurring customer trouble on the same line, circuit or service. The incumbent LEC shall measure the percentage of customer troubles recurring within 30 days of initial problem reported.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall have 1% or less of troubles recur within 30 days of the initial reported problem.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for maintenance/ repair relative to repeat troubles and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

- (iii) *Trouble per 100 lines*. This standard measures the frequency of troubles reported within the incumbent LEC's network. The incumbent LEC shall measure the number of troubles per 100 lines per month.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall have 1.5 or less troubles per 100 lines per month.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for maintenance/ repair relative to troubles per 100 lines and/or compliance with the applicable state agencies or the default performance standards set forth above.



- (iv) Estimated time to restore (appointments met). This standard measures the incumbent LEC's ability to restore services to the requesting telecommunications carrier within the time estimated for premises visits required and premises vists not required.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, they shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall have to meet its estimated time to restore service no less than 99% of the time.

(B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for maintenance/repair relative to estimated time to restore and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

(Number of Customer Trouble Appointments Met	x 100
Total Number Customer Trouble Appointments	

- (4) General. The general standard is made up of two sub-categories: 1) Systems Availability; and 2) Center Responsiveness.
- (i) Systems availability. This standard measures the availability of operations support systems and associated interfaces for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning and maintenance. The incumbent LEC shall measure the amount of unplanned downtime associated with each of these support systems and associated interfaces.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall report the unplanned downtime per month for the following interfaces: 1) Pre-ordering inquiry interface; 2) Ordering interface; and 3) Maintenance interface. The incumbent LEC shall have 0.1% or less of unplanned downtime per month for each interface.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for general performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Mean Number of Hours Available

- (ii) Center responsiveness. This standard measures the time for the incumbent LEC representative to answer business office calls in provisioning and trouble report centers. Each incumbent LEC shall measure the percentage of calls answered with 20 seconds or less and the number of calls answered within 30 seconds.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. Incumbent LECs shall answer 95% or more of all calls within 20 seconds. Incumbent LECs shall answer 100% of all calls within 30 seconds.

(B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for general performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Number	of Calls Answered Within Specific Time Frame	x 100
Total Nu	umber of Calls from Requesting Carrier to Center	}

Mean Time to Answer Calls without IVR
If IVR is used - Mean Time to Answer Calls after the end of IVR

- (5) Billing. The billing standard is made up of two sub-categories: 1) Timeliness of Billing Records Delivered; and 2) Accuracy.
- (i) Timeliness of billing records. This standard measures the timeliness of billing records and wholesale bills. Each incumbent LEC shall measure the following relative to the timeliness of billing records sent to requesting carriers: 1) Percentage of billing records received in 24 hours or less; 2) Percentage of billing records received in 48 hours or less; and 3) Percentage of wholesale bills received within 10 calendar days of bill date.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall provide requesting carriers with billing records within 24 hours 99.9% of the time or greater. 100% of billing records shall be received by requesting carriers within 48 hours. Wholesale bills shall be received within in 10 calendar days of bill date 99.95% of the time or greater.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for billing performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

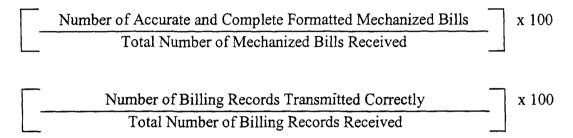
 Number of Billing Records Delivered On Time	x 100
Total Number of Billing Records Received	

Mean Time to Provide Billing Records

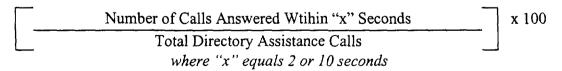
Mean Time to Deliver Wholesale Bills

(ii) Accuracy. This standard measures the percentage and mean time of billing records delivered to the requesting carrier in the agreed-upon format and with the agreed-upon content. The incumbent LEC shall measure the following relative to the accuracy of billing records: 1) Percentage of wholesale bills that are financially accurate; 2) Percentage of all billing records that are accurate.

- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide performance standards at the following default levels. 98% or greater of the incumbent LEC's wholesale bills to the requesting carrier shall be financially accurate. 99.99% or greater of all billing records shall be accurate.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for billing performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.



- (6) Operator services and directory assistance. The operator services and directory assistance function measures the percent and mean time a call is answered by an operator service or directory assistance operator. Each incumbent LEC shall measure the percentage of calls answered in 10 seconds by live agents and the percentage of calls answered within 2 seconds by a voice response unit.
- (i) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. 90% or greater of all calls handled by a live agent shall be answered within 10 seconds. 100% of all calls handled by a voice response unit shall be answered within 2 seconds. The timing of a call shall be measured form the initiation of ringing until the customer's call is answered.
- (ii) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for operator services and directory assistance performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.



Directory Assistance Mean Time to Answer

Number of Calls Answered within "x" Seconds

x 100

Total Operator Service calls where "x" equals 2 or 10 seconds

Operator Service Mean Time to Answer

- (7) Network performance (Network Parity). Network performance (network parity) compares the incumbent LEC's performance for its own customer to the incumbent LEC's performance for requesting carriers' customers. Each incumbent LEC shall measure the deviation between the level of service it provides its own customers and the service it provides for requesting carriers' customers relative to network transmission quality, speed of connection and reliability. Relative to network transmission quality the incumbent LEC shall measure the percentage of deviation between the level of service it provides its own customers and the service it provides for requesting carriers' customers for: 1) subscriber loop loss; 2) signal to noise ratio; 3) idle channel circuit noise; 4) loops-circuit balance; 5) circuit notched noise; 6) attenuation distortion. The incumbent LEC shall also measure the deviation relative to the speed of connection for: 1) Dial Tone Delay; 2) Post Dial Delay; and 3) Call Completion/Delivery Rate. Finally, the incumbent LEC shall measure reliability relative to the percentage of network incidents effecting greater than 5,000 blocked calls and network incidents affecting greater than 100,000 blocked calls.
- data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The deviation between the level service the incumbent LEC provide to its own customers and that the incumbent LEC provides to the requesting carrier's customer shall be equal to or less than 0.10% for the above network performance meas urements. Statistical comparison based on the mean incumbent LEC customer experience and standard deviation from this mean, the mean requesting carrier customer experience and standard deviation from this mean, and the number of observations used to determine these means.
- (ii) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own network performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Mean Incumbent LEC Customer Experience - Mean
Requesting Carrier Customer Experience
Mean Incumbent LEC Customer Experience

(8) Interconnection/unbundled network elements and unbundled nentwork element combinations (the "network platform"). This section is made up of two sub-categories: 1) Availability of Network Elements; and 2) Performance of Network Elements.

- (i) Availability of unbundled network elements. This standard measures the availability of network elements such as signaling link transport, SCPs/Databases, and loop combinations. Each incumbent LEC shall measure the following: 1) Availability of loop combinations; 2) the unavailability of the signaling link transport relative to the A and D links and SCPs/Databases; and 3) SCPs/Databases correctly updated.
- (A) Default performance intervals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. The incumbent LEC shall ensure that loop combinations are available 100% of the time. The unavailability of the signaling link transport associated with A and D link shall be equal to or less than 1 minute per year. The unavailability of the signaling link transport associated with the SCPs/Databases shall be equal to or less than 15 minutes per year. SCPs/Databases shall be correctly updated within 24 hours 99% or more of the time.
- (B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

Number of Minutes Loop Available	x 100
Total Number of Minutes	
Number of Minutes A-Link Unavailable During "x" Years "x" Years	
Where $X < or > year$. After year, monthly reporting should be for a	rolling year
Number of Seconds D-Link Unavaillable During "x" Years "x" Years	
Number of Database Records Correctly Updated Total Number of Update Requests Received by ILEC	x 100
Number of Database Records Updated Within 24 Hours of Updated Request Received Total Number of Database Update Requests Received	

- (ii) Performance of network elements. This standard measures the performance of network elements. Examples of what each incumbent LEC shall measure is as follows: 1) Line Information Data Base (LIDB) reply rate to all query attempts; 2) LIDB query time-out; 3) Unexpected data values in replies for all LIDB queries; 4) Percentage of LIDB queries return a missing customer record availability of loop combinations; 5) Group troubles in all LIDB queries. In addition, the incumbent LEC must report: 1) Mean Post Dial Delay for "0" calls from local service operator (LSO) to requesting carrier operator service platform; 2) Post Dial Delay for "0+" calls with 6 digit analysis from LSO to requesting carrier operator service platform; and 3) Percent of call attempts to requesting carrier operator service platform that were blocked.
- (A) Default performance intevals. If the incumbent LEC does not have historical data relative to the above performance standards, it shall provide such performance standards at the following default levels. Line information database (LIDB) reply rate to all query attempts shall be equal to or greater than 99.95%; LIDB query time-out shall be equal to or less than 0.05%; Unexpected data values in replies for all LIDB queries shall be equal to or less than 1%; Percentage of LIDB queries that return a missing customer record shall be 0%; Group troubles in all LIDB queries shall be equal to or less than 0.5%.

The Mean Post Dial Delay for "0" calls from LSO to requesting carrier operator service platform shall be no greater than 2 seconds 95% of the time; and the mean shall be equal to or less than 1.75 seconds.

The percentage of call attempts to a requesting carrier operator services platform that are blocked shall be equal to or less than 0.1%.

(B) Measurement formulas. The following formulas shall be used by the incumbent LEC and requesting carriers to determine the incumbent LEC's compliance with the incumbent LEC's own performance standards for interconnect /unbundled elements and combos and/or compliance with the default performance standards set forth above.

	(Number of LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Query Replies Received By Requesting Carrier		x 100
	(Total Number LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Queries Received by ILEC		
_	(Number of LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Time Out Responses Received By Requesting Carrier (Total Number LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Queries Received by Incumbent LEC	_	x 100
	(Number of LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Query Replies with Unexpected Data Values by Requesting Carrier)		x 100 -
	(Total Number LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Queries Received by Incumbent LEC)		

(Number of LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Query Replies Missing x 100 Customer Record Received by Requesting Carrier) Total Number LIDB [or 800 or AIN or n] Queries Received by Incumbent LEC (Cumulative Total Number of Post Dial x 100 Delay Seconds Experienced on "0" Calls From LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform) (Total Number of "0" Calls from LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform) (Cumulative Total Number of Post Dial Delay Seconds Experienced on "0+" Calls with 6-Digit Analysis from LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform) (Total Number of "0+" Calls with 6-Digit Analysis from LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform) (Number of "0+" Calls with 6-Digit Analysis from LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform that have Post Dial Delay ≤ 2 Seconds) (Total Number of "0+" Calls with 6-Digit Analysis from LSO to Requesting Carrier Operator Service Platform) Number of Blocked Call Attempts to Requesting x 100 Carrier Operator Service Platform Total Number of Call Attempts to Requesting

Carrier Operator Service Platform